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(SBU) A/DCM delivered reftel points to Aron Bonanno of MFA Security Policy Department September 17. Bonanno expressed appreciation for the information, noting that he was working late because of this issue. He wondered whether the timing of the announcement had anything to do with POTUS's upcoming meeting with Russian President Medvedev, but A/DCM declined to speculate.

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